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THE CONVENTION.

The feature of the Republican State Convention held at Dover, Wednesday, March 21st, that will engage the thought and attention of Delawareans of all political persuasions, is the "harmony" resolution offered by Col. H. A. DuPont. It was upon this resolution that the speeches of the Convention were made and it was adopted unanimously. It is:

"*Resolved*, That the newly-elected State Committee be hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as may be necessary to promote Republican success in the coming campaign, by using every fair and proper effort, in its judgment, looking to the naming as far as practicable of candidates who will receive the support of all persons opposed to Democratic rule."

Of the purpose and effects of the resolution a staff correspondent of the *Morning News* says:

"Thus delegating to the committeemen authority to negotiate, it is believed by shrewd leaders, will result either in one ticket on which all Republicans excepting a few implacables, will be agreed, or two separate tickets, with the same candidates on each, concentrating the Republican strength against the Democratic party. This will be consummated before the Republican State Convention to be held in August or September to nominate candidates for Representative in Congress and for State officers, if it is to be realized at all."

Following is the admirable platform enthusiastically adopted upon which every Delaware Republican may stand with the greatesst peronal satisfaction:

"We, the Republican party of the State of Delaware, through our representatives in convention assembled at Dover, reiterate our fidelity and devotion to the principles and purposes of the national Republican party.

"With profound satisfaction we call attention to the unparalleled prosperity now prevailing in every section of the country, to which the wise financial and tariff policies of the party have so largely contributed, and we unreservedly endorse and praise the sagacious and patriotic administration of the national government by President McKinley and his constitutional advisers.

"We look back with pride and satisfaction to the patriotism displayed throughout the country during the late war with Spain, and to the zeal and enthusiasm with which the people, regardless of party or section, supported the government, and we tender our most hearty thanks to our brave soldiers and sailors, both regulars and volunteers, for their splendid gallantry and good conduct.

"The Philippine Archipelago and the Island of Porto Rico having been ceded by Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris, we believe that all these islands have become legal and rightful possessions of the United States. We deem it to be the imperative duty of the nation to give them the inestimable blessings of good government, with the largest share of self-rule that future conditions may seem to warrant, and to so regulate their commercial relations with the rest of the country that substantial justice may be rendered to all concerned. We recognize the great wisdom and courage displayed by the President of the United States in dealing with these grave questions and we unequivocably commend and endorse his course in upholding the honor of the flag and in safeguarding the sovereign rights of the American people.

"We unreservedly endorse the declarations of the St. Louis National Convention in regard to sound money and the maintenance of the gold standard, and we heartily approve of the recent action of the Republican majority in Congress, which has given the full force of law to our financial principles and beliefs.

"We denounce and condemn all combinations or monopolies which stifle fair competition and unjustly increase prices to the consumer.

"We strongly favor all measures looking toward the enlargement of our foreign markets and the enactment of such legislation by Congress as will restore our merchant marine, so that our imports and exports may be transported in American built, American owned and American manned vessels.

"We heartily condemn the Goebel election law of Kentucky and all other partisan legislation intended to defeat the will of the people by preventing the fair casting and counting of legal ballots; and, in this State, we call for the strict enforcement of the constitution in regard to the purity of elections and we unsparingly repudiate and denounce the corrupt use of money to influence votes either at popular elections or in the halls of the Legislature.

"We enthusiastically applaud the unselfish patriotism and political sagacity with which William McKinley has discharged, under circumstances of exceptional difficulty, the highest responsibilities and arduous duties of the Presidential office, and we demand his re-nomination to the Presidency by the National Convention which is to meet in June.

"We therefore instruct our delegates to the National Convention to cast the entire vote of Delaware, first, last and all the time, for William McKinley, of Ohio, as our candidate for President.

Levi C. Bird, Esq., was the first to speak to the resolutions. His eloquent, patriotic address should be read by every voter in the State. Especially should every laboring man who recalls with a never-to-be-forgotten anguish the hard times of the last Democratic Administration, read the admirable analysis of party policies by Mr. Bird.

Mr. Bird traced the history of the party, and in speaking of the Administration of President McKinley, among other things, said:

"The future historian in dealing with the Administration of William McKinley, seeking only the light of truth and stripped of partisan bigotry, dealing as historians must, of necessity, deal with precise facts, and exact conditions without the fervor of passion on the one side, or the glow of admiration upon the other, rid of all jealousies, envy and prejudices, will chronicle it as an Administration of becoming dignity, of the highest integrity and of most patriotic purposes. And pray, what higher encomium can history bestow upon the life of any service to the government? With its birth, its very dawn into existence, it found itself in possession of a worse than crippled financial policy, a dissatisfied people, labor at a complete stand still, confidence entirely shaken, capital stored and hidden by reason of the lack of such confidence—devices innumerable to coin money that was not money, and to make a dollar not of merit and value, but a legislative dollar, stamped with a lie upon its face. Such were some of the conditions existing when, in March, 1897, the Republican party resumed its place in the nation. Its effect was electrical. Confidence returned; the wheels of industry slowly, but steadily began to move. The laborer and the artisan woke from a theretofore, unknown lethargy; the loom and the anvil echoed to each other in busy activity; the light of the forge and the furnace once more brought peace and happiness to the mountain homes. My friends, turn your minds back to those frightful days during the convention which met in Chicago and nominated Mr. Bryan. No moment of time in the history of this country, not even the darkest days of the civil war can equal the doubt, the fear that overwhelmed this land — days and nights of horrible suspense. Revived memories of France and the throes of that terrible revolution, with the scenes of bloodshed, which have ever beggared description—communism, socialism, free silverism, middle-of-the-roadism, classism, and every other ism that the ravings of a sordid mind, debauched intellect could conceive, banded together hand in hand to build up that which was false and unstable, against that which was permanent and true. Down with the rich, as though that would build up the poor. Down with the railroads, as though the stage coach could take their place. Down with the corporations without prescribing the medicine to cure their evil effects. Everything that was evil, corrupt, passionate and unlawful congregated to pour out the vials of their wrath against the government, against sound money, against the companionship of labor and capital. It was a convention stormed and carried by evil thoughts, wild imaginations, bitter denunciations and unjust accusations. Thank God it has passed away. It is dead. It is buried. I have only spoken thus long of that event that you may better appreciate the conditions that existed when Mr. McKinley took the oath of his high office. Look, my friends, and let your kindly vision remain for a while in comparison upon the days of ascension to power, and the last two years of his Administration.

PICTURE OF PROSPERITY.

"What a picture it presents! Falling workshops, wasting industries, worn-out steamships, idle ship-yards, depleted railroads, manufactories placarded with bills of sale, deserted homes with blocks upon blocks of houses to rent, on the one side, on the other, busy workshops, living industries, magnificent steamships, crowded shipyards, prosperous railroads, manufactories swarming with artisaes, homes happy, and no houses to rent. Surely it is a pleasant comparison. If the coffers of the rich are being filled the larders of the poor are overflowing.

"Happiness and plenty, confidence and composure go hand in hand, and sit side by side.

"Soon upon the advent of his coming into power came the trouble in Cuba, followed by the more serious ones in the far off Philippines.

The situation called forth the utmost prudence, the most delicate handling, in our relations with the nations of the Old World—a divided sentiment in his own party, coupled with the strong desire of the opposition to see whatever course he might adopt absolutely fail.

"These were the surroundings that beset the Administration.

"Let those who criticise his policy in those matters, tell us what they would have done under like conditions. And yet, with all, let us look at the results accomplished.

"Precious lives have gone. Vast sums of money expended. Yet, what American, from one end of the world to the other, is not a prouder American? Does not hold himself higher—is not more respected everywhere in the world?

FLAG MORE RESPECTED.

"The flag of your country today is better known, more respected, commands more allegiance than ever in its history. Your army and your navy challenges the respect and admiration of the whole world. The North and the South fighting side by side, until now almost for the first time since our own war are like one great, strong, happy and united people, able to battle with any power on earth. It is unfair to look at those island in their present condition. Wait my impatient friend, until the flag of our country floats successfully over the Philippines. Wait until this government, under its civilizing influences, and its christianizing effects, has the opportunity to bring order out of confusion, method out of chaos, and christianity out of idolatry.

"McCaulley, in one of his essays (I think the one on Milton), speaking of the first effects of liberty, says:

"'In the same manner the final and permanent fruits of liberty are wisdom, moderation and mercy.

COUNTRY IS SAFE

"Its immediate effects are often atrocious crimes, conflicting errors, skepticism on points the most clear, dogmatism on points the most mysterious. It is just at this crisis that its enemies love to exhibit it. They pull down the scaffolding from the half finished edifice; they point to the flying dust, the falling bricks, the comfortless rooms the frightful irregularities of the whole appearance; and then ask in scorn where promised splendor and comfort are to be found? If such miserable sophisms were to prevail, there would never be a good house, or a good government in the world.

"The country is safe, because it has confidence, and confidence means strength, and strength means life and vigor. The country is safe because prosperity is wafted upon every breeze. The country is safe, because the country knows that in gratitude it will again select McKinley as its leader, and standard bearer, and with him as your leader, success is as certain as truth is mighty and courage bold."

DELAWARE CITY.

J. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Stahly, of Sunbury, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Brewer.

Dr. Jeffries, of Newark, preached in Christ Church on Monday evening.

Rev. William Galloway is still conducting nightly services in the M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Churchman, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. William A. Price.

Owing to the illness of the rector there were no services at Christ Church last Sunday.

A Christian Endeavor Society has recently been formed by the young people of the Presbyterian Church.

On Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, Miss Annie Elizabeth Sadler and Mr. Courtland Clark, were married by the Rev. L. A. Oates, of Chambersburg, Pa. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and potted plants. At two o'clock, promptly to the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Julia Newton, the wedding party came up the aisle; the bride leaning upon the arm of her father, at the altar she was met by the groom and his best man. Miss Laura Sadler, of Philadelphia, acted as maid-of-honor and Mr. William D. Clark, also of Philadelphia, as best man. The ceremony wes performed with a ring. The bride was attired in a going-away gown of light brown broad cloth and carried a bunch of bridal roses. The maid-of-honor was gowned in gray and carried pink carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have the best wishes of their hosts of friends for a long and happy life together. A reception was given from two-thirty until four at the home of the bride's father. The merry sound of wedding bells are to be heard several times again in the near future.

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THE POOL TOURNAMENT.

Since our last issue the following scores have been made in the pool tournament going on at the Volunteer Hose House: Friday evening—Frank A. Lewis, 75: Norman P. Crouch, 77. Monday evening—Frank S. Clayton, 100; William A. Hukill, 54. Tuesday evening—Joseph C. Jolls, 90; Norman P. Crouch, 96. Wednesday evening—John E. Ginn, 95; Frank A. Lewis, 63. Thursday evening—Noaman P. Crouch, 67; Harry H. Hall, 65.

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THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Pursuant to the call of the Republican State Committee the delegates elected on Saturday last met in convention in Dover on Wednesday. L. B. Morrow was made temporary chairman and W. H. Heald secretary. Rev. J. Brown Turner invoked divine blessing. There was a full delegation and a large and interested attendence. The several districts named their choice for members of commitees which were announced, on Resolutions, on Permanent Organization, on Credentials, on Rules. Recess to 1.30 P. M.

On assembling, P. Q. Churchman announced no contests before the Committee on Credentials. The Committee on Rules reported favoring rules of former conventions which were adopted.

Chairman G. W. W. Naudain, of the Committee on Permanent Organization, announced the selection of Chas. F. Richard, Esq., for Chairman, and William H. Heald, for Secretary. Mr. Richards was introduced by Mr. Morrow and accepted in a brief speech. A gavel from a cherry tree in President McKinley's grounds at Canton, Ohio, secured though Postmaster George E. Smith, of Laurel, was presented through Rev. J. S. Willis.

In response to a call for the Committee on Resolutions, Col. duPont was invited to the platform and read the admirable resolutions elsewhere quoted. The forcible address made by Col. Bird in moving a second to the resolutions also appears in full in another column.

Enthusiastic addresses were made also by Hon. J. S. Willis, Wm. Michael Bryne, Esq., and State Chairman Browne.

The following delegates and alternates to the National Convention of June 19th, as named by the district caucuses, were elected:

New Castle county—Col. H. A. du Pont and Henry B. Thompson; alternates, Henry T. Scott and A. G. B. Anderson, colored.

Kent county—Manlove Hayes and Former Congressman Jonathan S. Willis; alternates, George Massey Jones and George B. Hynson.

Sussex county—Charles F. Richards and Henry P. Cannon; alternates, George E. Smith and Robert G. Houston.

The new State Committee was next elected as follows:

New Castle county, Wilmington—Henry B. Thompson, Thomas A. D. Hutson and Charleton Robinson.

Rural New Castle county—E. B. Shurter, James T. Challenger and John M. Rothwell.

Kent county—George H. Dick, David Reis and George Massey Jones.

Sussex county—Cornelius P. Swain, George E. Smith and C. H. Maull.

The committee was given three weeks in which to organize and may select its chairman and secretary outside its membership. On motion of P. Q. Churchman Esq., the convention adjourned.

ODESSA NOTES

Mr. High Morris spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Greenwood.

Mr. Perry Rose, of Wilmington, is spending this week with his father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Mr. Michael Gremminger and daughter, Mrs. Morton, went to Philadelphia Thursday for a short visit.

Miss Amelia Vandegrift is visiting friends in Wilmington and will attend Conference. She is the Epworth Delegate.

Miss Bessie Temple returned home with Mrs. Lydia DeWitt on Monday; she expects to make a short visit to Philadelphia friends.

Mr. L. V. Aspril, Sr., went to Wilmington Thursday where he is attending the Methodist Conference now in session in Epworth Church.

Mr. George Townsend, Jr., has hung out his sign as attorney at law in his office here. He has also opened an office in the new Ford Building, at 10th & Market streets, Wilmington.

Mrs. Hickman moved on Thursday into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Oscar Hune. Dr. Joseph Carrow moved the same day into the house vacated by Mrs. Hickman, which is connected with the drug store occupied by the doctor. Rumor says there are to be a number of other changes yet.

At a special meeting of the School Board held Tuesday evening, Miss Lewis, of Parksley, Va., was elected teacher of the intermediate department of the Public School to fill the place of Miss Neil Townsend, who has resigned on account of poor health. Miss Lewis is expected to take charge next Monday.

Mrs. Columbus Watkins died Tuesday morning after a long illness. All her family were with her at the time of her death. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss, beside the many friends who have known her so long. The funeral services were held at the residence of her husband Friday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. Interment was made in Drawyer's Cemetery.

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The residence of L. W. Hollis at Camden was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning, causing a loss of $3000. The fire started while the family was asleep. Mr. Hollis had to jump from a second-story window, but escaped serious injury.

Fits Cured

From Journal of Medicine
Prof. W. H. Peeke, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York

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It is now very doubtful if the proposed silk mill to be located at Elkton by the Liberty Silk Company, of New York, will be established there. The proposition of the company when read before the citizens of Elkton did not meet with a hearly reception, and it is now supposed the matter will be dropped.

WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, March 19, 1900.

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Single harness, $12 to $100—but we'll make you a harness for $8 (don't recommend it very much) and indulge your extravagances almost without limit.

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We are very proud of our model stable—the only kind, really, a horse ought to have. It explains itself; but, to bring you to see it, we'll tell you that it is perfectly drained and saves enough bedding in a year to pay for itself.

We should be glad to take your order to build such stalls for the comfort of your horses. And in fact anything that can contribute to your horses' health and efficiency we have, or can get.

The head of this department has made harness for the leading horses in the world, and what he doesn't know about horses—Well, ask him anything you like and he will be ready for you with the right kind of advice, and what is more to the point, with the right kind of goods.

We are on the right track now in the harness line; and with your help, people, we are going to have just the nicest business that ever was done.

Millinery

The $5 and $6 hats had their opening along with the more expensive Paris and American hats over a week ago.

We try to make these hats as sketchy as possible—full of the lines and suggestions that we study and learn from the artistic Paris beauties; or expensive and, often, as artistic American hats.

The styles are good; the materials are not the exclusive sort, but good too; the milliners who make them have the same chance to study as those who make the more expensive hats. They make more hats, and do more of the work by machine, than is done on the more expensive, but there are people who can't tell them apart.

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BY

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon

Author of
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Total amount paid to policy-holders since organization, $20,954,195.27.
Admitted assets held as security for policy-holders, January 1, 1899, $10,559,150.87.
Total amount paid policy-holders, and the amount now held as security for the payment of their contracts, $31,513,346.14.
Total dividends paid policy-holders since organization, $4,840,590.51.
Surplus on basis of admitted assets valuation, 4 per cent Standard, $1,152,968.02.
Total amount saved policy-holders, from premiums paid, $3,002,514.53.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.15 and 10.24 a. m.; 4.16 and 5.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.08 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.26, 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.04 a. m., 3.55 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
5.40 p. m., lock pouch to Wilmington and Philadelphia.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.45 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Massafras—9.10 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 24, 1900.

Local News.

FARMERS are beginning to plow for corn.

Mr. John W. Denney has moved from the Levels to near State Roads.

Give us a chance to do your job printing. Our rates are very reasonable.

The painter's brush has brightened greatly the Cochran Block—Messick's store.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

A SEAT running the full length of the new passenger shed at the depot was put in this week.

For choice beef call at the new stand of John Armstrong next to Parker's Harness store. His prices are reasonable, and meat tender.

YOUNG SON DEAD.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Creaddick, of Philadelphia, was buried at the Catholic Cemetery at Bohemia Manor, last Tuesday morning.

BOY WANTED.—A good boy about 15 years of age is wanted at this office to learn the printing business. Only those with a fair education need apply. This is a good chance for the right boy.

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS.—Mrs. M. J. Whittock has sold the property on South Broad street that has been occupied by her for some time to Mr. E. R. Cochran, who will shortly occupy it.

PLANTS FOR SALE.—A fine lot of Cold Frame Cabbage Plants, also other Vegetable Plants in season. Orders by mail receive prompt attention.
E. J. STEELE, Henderson, Md.

COLORED MAN DEAD. — George Frisby, a colored man living at "Hamtown," aged 53 years, died last Friday night of general debility. He was buried last Monday afternoon in Forest Colored Cemetery.

John Armstrong has introduced the meat business in connection with his line of groceries. He carries a line of good, tender and juicy steak that does not require a hammer and wedge to chew. Give him a trial.

NOTIFY US.—Subscribers of this paper who in moving change their post office address are requested to send us a postal card notifying us of the change. In doing this you will save a lot of confusion besides getting every issue of the paper.

HORSE DIED.—While Thomas R. George, of Cheswold, was driving through New Castle county visiting relatives, he stopped at the residence of Mrs. Ida Pleasanton, near Middletown, for a rest. When he went to the stable to get his horse he found it dead in the stall. It died from spasmodic colic.

JUMPED THE TRACK.—Last Thursday morning while a freight engine was shifting cars at the depot it jumped the track. The accident was caused by a defective tongue in a switch. Another engine was secured which pulled the derailed engine back on the track. The accident did not delay travel any.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 15th, 1900: Ladies—Miss Henrietta Ball, Miss Hannah Landing, Miss Mary Smith and Mrs. Mary E. Gaddis, (postal card). Gentlemen—Alfred Jefferson, Wilmore Ball and L. T. Simms. Persons claiming the above will please say "advertised" and give date of this list. JOHN W. JOLLS, P. M.

NEW ORCHESTRA.—Several of our citizens are considering the advisability of organizing an amateur orchestra in this town. Several musicians have agreed to join but things have not as yet reached any definite shape. If organized it will contain seven pieces which will be first and second violins, first and second cornets, trombone, base violin and clarinet. The object of the orchestra will not be to make any money but will be organized for the pleasure of its members.

A PUCLIC FOUNTAIN.—Mr. J. B. Maxwell is very commendably engaged in soliciting subscriptions of citizens of Middletown for a public fountain, of handsome design and to cost $1,250. It will have drinking water for man, horse and dog—two basins each for horses and dogs. Considering the town has not a public trough even for watering the traveler's weary steed this fountain would be both useful and ornamental. The town will supply water free of cost. The location would be in the square in front of the Cochran Block.

LECTURE NEXT TUESDAY.—Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., will lecture on Russia before the New Century Club, Tuesday afternoon, March 27, at 2.30. All are invited to attend. A silver offering will be taken at the door for the benefit of a Town Library which the ladies propose to form. In response to two delegations from the club THE TRANSCRIPT is pleased to set the plans of the ladies before its readers. They will ask that a hundred persons subscribe one dollar each yearly to start the Library which will be under the supervision of the club, the members taking turns at serving as librarian It is expected the membership will grow in numbers, and that new books will be published at least every three months. The club will move into the rooms occupied by the Y. M. C. A. in the Messick Block, being more convenient than the present third story room.

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ACCORDING to the division of the season spring began last Tuesday.

Dr. J. M. R. White, of Wilmington, will be at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Clayton every Thursday.

For the choicest beef in town go to John Armstroug's. He has just what you want. Also a full line of groceries. Remember his new store.

SOLD A CREAMERY.—The Odessa Creamery Company has sold its creamery plant at St. Georges to Stanley S. Stevens and Frederick Kumpel. The Creamery Company will continue to run its plant at Odessa.

NO PREACHING.—Owing to the absence of Rev. E. W. Caswell, who is attending Conference in Wilmington, there will be no preaching at Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow. The other services will be held as usual.

WILL MAKE AN ADDRESS.—The Rev. Thomas C. Wetmore will address the Woman's Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary in St. Anne's Parish Building next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, on "Missionary Work in North Carolina." All are cordially invited.

READ A PAPER.—Rev. E. W. Caswell, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, read a paper entitled "The Time Limit," before the Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Association last Monday morning. The paper was carefully prepared by Mr. Caswell and was well received by the ministers present at the meeting.

A RUNAWAY.—A horse belonging to James L. Warren became scared and ran away yesterday morning. While running it ran into John Taylor knocking him down, injuring his back and putting a bad cut in his leg that required several stitches to close up. The carriage was wrecked pretty badly and the harness torn, but the horse escaped injury.

ANOTHER CONVERT.—Last week Frank L. Cates placed a card in THE TRANSCRIPT as an experiment as to whether it paid to advertise insurance in weekly papers. Since then he has had several applicants for fire insurance out of which he has issued two policies. Merchants of Middletown are requested to make a note of this and when placing advertisements be sure and put them in a paper that is read by the people.

NEW CENTURY CLUB.—A fair attendance was present at the meeting of the New Century Club held last Tuesday afternoon. In response to roll call humorous quotation were given. A biography of "Mark Twain" was given by Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr.; after which the president read an account of the "Lives of Noted Literary Women." Mrs. A.M. Brown's paper, read by Mrs. Merritt N. Willets, on "Whittier and Whiteman," closed the meeting.

ELECTION FOR DELEGATES.—At the election for delegates to the Republican State Convention held last Saturday in the office of A. G. Cox, forty-seven votes were cast. Joseph C. Parker, Joshua Clayton, Jr., and George W. W. Naudain were elected delegates, and John C. Alston, J. Frank Eliason and Aaron Brown were elected alternates. For members of the County Committee George W. W. Naudain, Joseph C. Jolls and Walter Beasten were elected.

FOR SALE.—1000 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Rose Potatoes.
500 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Beauty of Hebron.
500 Bushels of Northern-grown Early Ohio's.
1200 Bushels of Black Cow Peas.
1000 Bushels of White Seed Oats.
2200 Bushels of Western Re-cleaned Clover Seed.
300 Bushels of Seed Sweet Potatoes.
500 Bushels of Crimson Clover Seed.
JOSEPH E. HOLLAND,
Milford, Del.

BROKE HIS WHEEL.—Yesterday morning while A. Fogle, a Jewish clothing salesman from Wilmington, was driving from Odessa to Middletown, some young men who were riding several horses belonging to a farmer that was moving ran one of the animals into one of the hind wheels of the former's carriage, breaking it up and letting the carriage down on the ground. The salesman, who always carries a stock of goods with him, when he brought his carriage here to be fixed told several people that he was tackled by a band of robbers, but it was purely an accident.

TOWNSEND ITEMS.

The wedding of Miss Anna C. Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Townsend, and Mr. Walter Gill, took place last Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, the ceremony being performed in the Methodist Church by Rev. G. P. Jones. At the appointed time the bride leaning on the arm of the groom entered the church where they were met by the ushers and escorted to the altar, where they were made man and wife. The bride wore a handsome dress of white organdie, and the maid-of-honor, Miss Mame Townsend, of Philadelphia, sister of the bride, was dressed in blue silk. The ring-bearer, Miss Bessie Townsend, of Philadelphia, wore a dress made of pink organdie. Messrs. Augustus Gill, of Wilmington, a brother of the groom; J. P. Pritchard, L. L. Maloney and L. W. Lattomus, of this town, acted as ushers. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Winfield Lattomus played the wedding march. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride. Numerous wedding gifts were received by the happy couple.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how a slave was made free. He says "My wife had been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cured nervousness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

ANNUAL MOVING DAY.

The twenty-fifth day of March being moving day quite a number of changes have already taken place of which we note the following. Squire William R. Reynolds moves to the new building opposite his old office, as does also Miss Hodge who had a kindergarden in the second story. Mrs. Frank Beasten, who also occupies part of the building, will remove to Cecilton. Mrs. Henrietta Parvis will remove to the building vacated by the above from her former home on East Main street; Mrs. M. J. Whittock will occupy the house vacated by Mrs Parvis. Mr. E. R. Cochran will occupy the residence vacated by Mrs. Whittock. John Spicer will remove out of town and his house will be occupied by George Richards, who is succeeded by Cyrus Holt, and he by Mrs. H. A. Nowland. Edgar Baker, of Cass street, breaks up house keeping and is succeeded by Alexander Maxwell. The house next door will be occupied by W. Reese Parker, Mr. J. Cochran, the present tenant, breaking up house keeping. John Armstrong has removed his grocery store to the store formerly occupied by James Burrows, who has gone out of business. John Clift, the harness maker, will occupy the store vacated by Mr. Armstrong. Albert Price will occupy the house occupied by Wright Burrows on Green street, and Mrs. Rachael Conner, of Elkton, succeeds Mr. Price. Mr. Burrows goes to the house vacated by Mrs. Murray, who has left town. Mr. Isaac Davis leaves the George W. W. Naudain residence at the corner Broad and Main and goes to the house occupied by Mr. E. R. Cochran. Herbert Mabrey has removed to Philadelphia and his house is occupied by Harry Gears. Mrs. Samuel Pennington goes to the house vacated by Mrs. H. A. Nowland. William Wright goes to the house on Main street vacated by Daniel Keith, who left town some time ago. William Richards has removed to the house vacated by C. E. Ferris, who has gone to Philadelphia. Edward Dare moves in the middle house of the old Arcade formerly occupied by Mrs. Crow, she going to the house vacated by Michael Keegan. James Montgomery, of Townsend, moves in a house on East Main street. Mr. Reed, of Lancaster, moves in the house formerly occupied by Harry Riggs on Lockwood street, Mr. Riggs moving to a house on Lake street fomerly occupied by William Ahern, the latter occupying the house adjoining the railroad station. Mr. Winters of Baltimore, moves in the house on East Main street vacated by Mr. Joiner, the latter going to the house on Lake street formerly occupied by Ralph Staats. Mr. Staats moving to a house on Anderson street.

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WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference convened in Epworth Church, Wilmington, Wednesday morning, Bishop Edward G. Andrews presiding. Secretaries were elected and standing committees appointed.

The old factional differences between the "regulars" and the "Wilsonites" are said to exist yet and will make their appearance in the election of four delegates to the General Conference. The feeling first appeared in the choice of Conference steward for Dover District when Rev. P. H. Rawlins, regular, was elected by a vote of 77 to 48.

Collections were reported from all the charges. A few were: Middletown—Missions $460, conference claimants $100; Odessa, $100 and $35; Delaware City, $100 and $30; Townsend $130; Cecilton, $200 and $56; Red Lion, $53 and $10; St. Georges $65 and 20; Galena, $135 and $45.

Rev. E. H. Miller of Sharptown, Md., reported as a result of the revival "only 40 sinners are left out of a population of 700."

The anniverseries are held at the afternoon and evening sessions, as per program in TRANSCRIPT.

THURSDAY.

The morning session was devoted to addresses from representatives of different branches of church work and the consideration of the report of the Conference Academy. Professor Collins submitted a report of the academy's finances, in which the total receipts for the year were stated as $17,791.71, and the expenditures were $17,381.90. The total indebtedness of every kind to date is $32,371,49, and the property is insured for $52,000. The number of students is not satisfactory. The number enrolled during the current academic year is 102; boarders, 38, and day pupils, 44. The total school receipts from September, 1899, to March 20, 1900, were $6.444.26. The expenses for the same period were $7.854.26. The amount due from students is $775. The effort to pay the debt has been met this year by conditional subscriptions by Principal Collins $7,100 and by Dr. Hanna $6,642,80.

Mrs. N. M. Browne presided at the fifteenth anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the afternoon. Addresses were made by Mrs. B. S. Potter, of the Bureau of Utah, and the Rev. E. W. Caswell, of Middletown. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Clay Turner. The Middletown Auxiliary paid during the year $75.00, total $2,323 86.

The worn-out preachers anniversary was held in the evening. Chairman Rawlins reported $7,110 to distribute among more than fifty claimants. $5,725 was raised by collections in the churches, and $859 from book concern.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION

The matter of chief interest yesterday morning was election of delegates to the General Conference. The four presiding elders—Dr. Robert Watt, Dr. Thomas E. Martindale, Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran and Dr. C. S. Baker were elected. But one ballot was taken. Total number of votes, 159; to a choice, 80; Robert Watt, 103; Thomas E. Martindale, 93; Wilbur F. Corkran, 92; C. S. Baker, 80; A. S. Mowbray, 37; C. A. Hill, 26; John D. C. Hanna, 16; Alfred Smith, 17; V. S. Collins, 27; Adam Stengle, 9; C. W. Prettyman, 10; C. P. Swain, 23; R. I. Watkins, 7; W. L. S. Murray, 9. A. S. Mowbray and J. D. C. Haena were elected reserve delegates.

The Lay Conference organized with Chief Justice Lore as chairman. The election for delegates to General Conference was held yesterday afternoon.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Miss Mary Merritt is in Wilmington.

Mrs. Fannie Lockwood spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. T. W. Cavender, of Smyrna, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Stella Cochran spent the first of the week in Easton, Md.

Mrs. Clarence Brockson spent the past week in Wilmington.

Miss Martha Heaton is the guest of Miss Alice Schouler at Elkton.

Miss Bragdon, of Newark, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragdon.

Mrs. Virginia Massey is visiting Mrs. Clayton Massey in Wilmington.

Miss Margaret Gilpin, of Elkton, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin.

Edward F. Kane, of Wilmington, spent Thursday with Middletown friends.

W. H. Cooper, Jr., of Wilmington, was a Middletown visitor last Wednesday.

J. C. Nowland, of Wilmington, made a short visit to this town on Thursday.

Miss Bernice Metten is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Farrel, in the Quaker City.

Mrs. Cyrus P. Gears, of Smyrna, was the guest of Middletown friends yesterday.

Frank A. Lewis and Mr. Swan spent Sunday with Wilmington and Chester friends.

Miss Jodie Biggs left for an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. Price, in Denver.

Miss Lucie Cochran has returned from an extended visit with relatives in New York.

Merris Taylor, editor of the Wilmington Every Evening, was in town on Thursday.

James C. Wickes, of the Smyrna Call, was the guest of Frank L. Cates last Thursday.

Mr. Francis McWhorter, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting at the home of Mr. J. Frank McWhorter.

Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd is at Atlantic City where Mr. Shepherd spent several days this week.

Mr. R. J. Mears, of the Milford News and Advertiser, was a pleasant caller at THE TRANSCRIPT Wednesday afternoon.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Clara Goslin to Mr. William Gremminger, in Odessa, Wednesday, April 4th.

Messrs. W. Edgar Johnson and Clark Franklin, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. Johnson's father on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox are in Wilmington where Mr. Cox is attending Conference. Mrs. Cox's sister, Miss Lou, accompanied them.

Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain and Miss Daisy Naudain, who have been in the Quaker City for three months, returned home Saturday.

Mr. M. Jones, who last fall purchased of Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, the farm at old St. Anne's Church, has moved from Baltimore to the farm.

Mr. John T. Smith has accepted a position with the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., of Wilmington, and will leave for his new duties Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Emerson attended on Saturday in Wilmington the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Martha Anderson, sister of Mother Vail, aged 73 years.

Mr. J. Preston Dunning, recently arrived from the Philippines, in company with his sister, Miss Mary Dunning, of Dover, were in town on Tuesday.

Superintendent R. L. Holliday, who has been indisposed for some time past, has recovered and was the guest of Dr. T. H. Gilpin last Thursday.

A young printer formerly of this town, but who is now employed several miles away from here, will shortly lead a Philadelphia lady to the altar.

Mrs. E. D. Hearne and son, of Georgetown, Del., are visiting her mother's family. Mr. Hearne spent Sunday here.

Messrs. Harry Brady and friend, Fred. Terrey, of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Brady.

Mr. Eli Foard, of Chesapeake City, and Miss Emma Edwards, of Summit Bridge, formerly of Middletown, were married at Elkton, Monday evening, March 19th, by Rev. T. E. Terry.

Miss Hattie Barnard, of Cheswold, sister of Dr. W. E. Barnard, and Mr. Walter Hope Collins, of New York, formerly of Cheswold, will be married Thursday, April 5th, at Cheswold.

Mr. Albert E. Ginn, of Philadelphia, is here. He was sent for on account of the serious illness of his father, Samuel B. Ginn, who is suffering from a third paralytic stroke. His recovery is doubtful.

Middletown and Dover folks are looking forward to a fashionable wedding that is to take place in the latter town, between one of its brightest and most charming young ladies and a popular young man of Middletown. The event is to take place during the first week of next month—Thursday, April the fifth being the day set—and great preparations for the event will shortly be commenced. The bride-elect is Miss Helen Y. Slaughter, the only daughter of State Senator Stephen Slaughter, and the groom-elect is W. Reese Parker, president of the well-known firm of J. C. Parker & Son Co., of this town. The ceremony will be performed in Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, a former pastor, but now of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Wilmington. In the wedding party will be Miss Mary Jones, of Dover; Mr. Harry Lank, of Philadelphia; Dr. John C. Stites, of this town, and the Messrs. Frank C. Smith and H. Ridgely Harrington, of Dover. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the wedding day a reception will be held in the parlors of the Hotel Richardson, after which the happy couple will leave for a wedding tour. On their return they will reside in one of G. E. Hukill's properties on Cass street where they will receive a royal welcome by their numerous friends here.

Victor G. Willis, of Newark, will coach the pitchers of the University of Pennsylvania team this season. He will pitch for the Boston League Club when the regular base ball seasons opens.

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Scrofula Sores—"My baby at two months had scrofula sores on cheek and arm. Local applications and physicians' medicine did little or no good. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured him permanently. He is now four, with smooth fair skin." MRS. S. S. WROTEN, Farmington Del.

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Dr. Jerome Humphrey Hardcastle, formerly of Cecilton, Md., announces his removal to Middletown, Del., and offers his professional services to the citizens of Middletown and vicinity. Dr. Hardcastle will occupy the residence of the late Dr. W. F. Kennedy.

STATEMENT

OF THE

Road Commissioners

OF

St. Georges Hundred,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 10, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Taxes due from 1895, unpaid	$ 2 6 98
Taxes due from 1896, unpaid	578 14
Taxes due from 1897, unpaid	1,050 82
Taxes due from 1898, unpaid	1,572 80
Taxes due from 1899, unpaid	2,713 51
Subject to errors and commissions.	$ 6,132 25

LIABILITIES.

Town Middletown, 1897	575 00
Town Middletown, 1898	600 00
Town Odessa, 1897	300 00
Town Odessa, 1898	300 00
C. P. Cochran, estate bond	3,300 00
G. E. Hukill, old book account	1,606 35
Delaware Terra Cotta Pipe Co	141 93
T. H. Armstrong, lumber, old book account	157 05
George V. Peverly, lumber, old book account	93 85
Freeman & Weber, printing, old book account	16 00
W. S. Letherbury, material	7 60
William Murrey, stone	25 00
Amount due for 1898 labor	1,000 12
	$ 9,022 90

DR.

Amount in Citizens' Bank, March 11th, 1899	18 54
Amount of taxes from H. G. Rettew 1899	2,817 00
Amount of taxes from H. G. Rettew 1898	864 00
Amount of taxes from H. G. Rettew 1897	55 00
Amount of taxes from H. G. Rettew 1896	4 98
Amount of taxes from H. G. Rettew 1895	9 04
Note discounted in Citizens' Bank	1,000 00
	$ 4,768 56

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Checks Drawn for Expenditure on Roads for 1899.

Huey Giles	$ 11 88
William Richards	2 25
John Solaway	4 50
J. T. Smith	15 00
George Boulden	6 86
A. E. Holten	35 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr.	34 13
J. C. Alston	21 50
Harry Moore	6 00
Warner Jackson	3 75
J. C. Jolls, Clerk Auditing Committee	14 40
Walter Burton	3 00
H. Khronemire	7 50
E. W. Pleasanton	44 00
H. M. Pleasanton	14 00
James Padley	8 25
Henry Khronemire	8 75
George Croley	2 00
E. W. Pleasanton	55 25
S. P. Hurd	1 25
H. M. Pleasanton	61 70
Thomas Henry	7 50
John Blackway	5 00
Harry Moore	15 00
Warner Jackson	7 50
J. C. Alston	24 50
F. L. Cates, repairs	2 00
C. T. Gears, repairs	1 10
A. E. Holten	42 25
J. P. Cochran, Jr	48 00
J. T. Smith	15 00
William Boulden	14 38
George Boulden	5 63
Huey Giles	5 00
Edward Wilson	2 50
E. W. Pleasanton	6 50
H. M. Pleasanton	11 65
W. P. Burton	3 25
S. P. Hurd	1 25
H. Khronemire	1 25
James Padley	2 25
Thomas Henry	15 00
John Blackway	15 00
Harry Moore	24 00
Conrad Reupple	1 25
J. C. Alston	45 00
G. E. Hukill	25 00
Huey Giles	11 25
George Boulden	15 00
Edward Wilson	8 75
A. E. Holten	36 00
J. T. Smith	15 00
William Boulden	15 00
J. C. Alston	51 00
Harry Moore	25 25
Thomas Henry	25 00
Conrad Reupple	13 12
John Blackway	14 37
E. W. Pleasanton	14 37
P. W. Burton	21 25
H. M. Pleasanton	13 25
J. P. Cochran, Jr	16 45
A. E. Holten	41 25
George Boulden	21 50
J. T. Smith	4 38
Huey Giles	4 38
William Boulden	4 38
J. P. Cochran, Jr	4 38
J. T. Smith	35 00
A. E. Holten	10 63
Huey Giles	29 25
J. P. Cochran, Jr	10 20
Thomas Henry	4 50
J. C. Alston	8 75
Conrad Reupple	22 25
Harry Moore	9 37
H. M. Pleasanton	21 00
W. P. Burton	24 12
E. W. Pleasanton	7 75
S. P. Hurd	18 22
James Padley	12 87
Huey Giles	1 25
J. P. Cochran, Jr	17 88
A. E. Holten	23 50
J. T. Smith	43 50
William Shallcross	16 88
J. C. Alston	2 00
Thomas Henry	22 50
Edward Miles	9 37
Warner Jackson	5 00
Harry Moore	2 50
E. W. Pleasanton	15 00
S. P. Hurd	21 00
H. M. Pleasanton,	7 00
W. P. Burton	22 50
Edward Miles	6 25
Thomas Henry	8 37
J. C. Alston	7 50
Harry Moore	31 50
Huey Giles	14 00
J. T. Smith	8 75
J. P. Cochran, Jr.,	10 00
A. E. Holten,	21 00
George V. Peverley, lumber,	21 00
G. E. Hukill, pipe and hardware,	238 60
G. W. Peterson, repairs,	111 27
Elias E. Hamelton,	12 30
J. C. Alston,	12 25
Harry Moore,	22 67
W. P. Burton,	10 00
H. M. Pleasanton,	5 00
E. W. Pleasanton,	15 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr.,	10 00
Jake Ropple,	58 50
Huey Giles,	1 25
John Spicer,	14 38
Frank Dalson,	2 50
J. T. Smith,	3 75
A. E. Holten,	10 38
Elias Hamilton,	43 25
John Bingner, for bricks,	21 50
A. E. Holten,	4 50
J. T. Smith,	12 50
J. P. Cochran, Jr.,	5 00
Harry Moore,	27 00
Joseph Scriver,	12 00
J. C. Alston,	1 25
E. W. Pleasanton,	19 00
H. M. Pleasanton,	5 25
W. P. Burton,	4 25
S. P. Hurd,	1 87
J. P. Cochran, Jr,	1 25
A. E. Holten,	21 00
W. M. Holten,	37 50
J. T. Smith,	25 50
Huey Giles,	13 75
J. P. Cochran, Jr,	10 00
Harry Moore,	14 00
J. C. Alston,	4 00
S. P. Hurd,	5 25
W. P. Burton,	7 75
E. W. Pleasanton,	5 75
H. M. Pleasanton,	6 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr,	11 75
John Spicer,	14 00
J. T. Smith,	5 00
A. E. Holten,	5 00
Joseph Shaw,	13 50
A. P. Crockett,	6 00
Edgar Spicer,	36 00
Harry Moore,	7 50
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J. C. Alston,	1 25
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E. W. Pleasanton,	11 75
W. P. Burton,	4 00
Henry Khronemier,	5 75
William M. Holten,	1 25
Joseph Shaw,	16 50
A. P. Crocket,	6 00
Barnett McCall Lumber Co, lumber,	7 50
Frances Duggan,	154 20
Edward Reynolds, raised by	2 50
A. E. Holten,	25 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr,	30 50
W. P. Burton,	16 00
H. M. Pleasanton,	2 50
E. W. Pleasanton,	8 50
Henry Khronemier,	4 00
S. S. Holten, treas. for room rent,	1 25
Huey Giles,	10 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr,	4 50
Benjamin Armstrong, for bricks,	7 00
J. B. Foard, for Gravel,	14 25
John Webb,	23 00
A. E. Holten,	1 25
Alex. Maxwell, gravel,	8 25
H. M. Pleasanton, Commissioner, 1899,	8 20
J. C. Alston, Commissioner and clerk, 1899,	50 00
J. P. Cochran, Jr, Commissioner, 1899,	75 00
Note paid,	50 00
Interest and discounts on note,	1,000 00
Interest on Cochran bond,	36 17
Note of old Commissioner's paid,	198 00
Balance in bank March 10th, 1900,	200 00
	112 55
	$ 4,768 56

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY TO ALL TO whom these presents may come, That we, Robert S. Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, and is to end on the first day of December, A. D., nineteen hundred.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ROBT. S. BAIRD [Seal.]
JAMES C McCOMB [Seal.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Lewis Sasse.

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, }

Be it Remembered, That on this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing Certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said Certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their, and each of their, act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last afore-said.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seal.]
Justice of the Peace.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.
February, 14th, 1900.

Upon the application of Edward M. Vaughan, Executor of Dr. Horace Vaughan, late of St. George's Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

SEAL

CALVIN W CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fourteenth day of February A. D. 1900, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executor, on or before the fourteenth day of February, 1901, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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GROWING GOOSEBERRIES.

Proper Soil, Fertilizer, Etc.—How to Plant, Prune and Cultivate.

Gooseberries do best on a clay soil which has been made rich by a liberal application of well rotted manure. I find that few fertilizers surpass barnyard manure. I have also used as a mulch well rotted straw, wood and coal ashes, leaves, vines and anything that could be gathered up. After selecting the location I prepare my land by plowing and pulverizing thoroughly. I then mark out rows six feet apart, using great care to have them perfectly straight. With two horses and a large plow I furrow out and set my plants six feet apart in the furrow. The plants can then be cultivated each way. To some this distance may seem great, but I find from experience that it is much the best, as there is plenty of room for cultivation and the application of fertilizers. The space between the bushes can be utilized for growing beans, cucumbers, muskmelons, dwarf tomatoes and the like, as the vines remain green a long time, thus affording shade and protection to the soil during the summer.

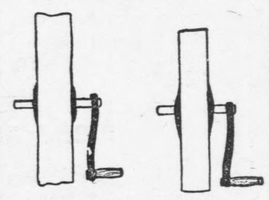
I prefer to plant in spring as soon as the soil is dry enough to work well, especially if the plants have been taken up the previous fall and heeled in over winter. Select hardy, vigorous bushes and take great care in setting. It is of the greatest importance to get a full stand, for plants that are put in later are at a great disadvantage and seldom do well. Properly prune both roots and tops before planting, lay the roots out straight in the furrow and cover with a fine, rich soil. With me cultivation is the easiest part. With a section of my steel harrow I can do the work to perfection at small cost. After the fruit is harvested and the vine crop, if any, is out of the way I plow the longest way of the field with a diamond plow, throwing the soil to the bushes. In early spring I cultivate the other way and harrow, which levels the ground and prepares it for the small crops. The sooner this plowing is done after the fruit is off the better, concludes a writer in New England Homestead.

A New York Farmer's Ideas.

I use shavings for bedding. Every day the pens are carefully cleaned out, and a thick layer of fine spruce log wood shavings is put in. The shavings absorb all the moistures created by the cattle, take up little room and are easily cleaned up and carted off for manure. I buy the shavings for about 20 cents a bale of 100 pounds or $4 a ton. Now, straw, which is hard to get at times, costs from $8 to $10 a ton, does not absorb the moisture and is difficult to handle.

The Hard Lot of the Grindstone.

The grindstone on the farm sees pretty hard usage. The softer the stone, the harder usage it receives. The grinding surface of the stone is more likely to be as shown at the left of the cut than it is to have an even face or slightly beveled surface, as at the right in the same picture. The former condition comes from grinding axes, scythes, machine knives, etc., with their edges lengthwise of the stone instead of across it. This cannot be helped in grinding some tools. But when the stone does assume this shape, making it impossible to grind a chisel or any flat edged tool decently, it is a good time to get a spade—spades are usually dull—and hold it on the stone until it is sharp, when the irregularities in the surface of the stone will



UNTRUE AND TRUE GRINDSTONES.

have disappeared. A grindstone should never be left exposed to the sun. The weight of the handle will cause one portion of the stone to remain uppermost, and this, from exposure, will assume a different degree of hardness from the underside, so that after awhile the stone will be ground out of a circle. If the stone has to stand in the open, a flat box can serve as a cover, says a correspondent, who gives the foregoing advice in Rural New Yorker.

Agricultural Brevities.

Spraying with bordeaux mixture will effectually control tobacco blight, according to Dr. B. D. Halstead.

George T. Powell considers currants among the most valuable of the small fruits for commercial culture. They have only one drawback—in late years they have been seriously attacked by insects.

According to Professor E. B. Vorhees, nitrate of soda has been found superior to both barnyard manure and mineral fertilizers alone for tomatoes, and nitrate of soda alone was on the whole but slightly less effective than complete fertilizers.

Many depleted lands need tillage more than humus or plant food. Usually they need both. Prepare the land thoroughly for the green crop. Plow when the land is most fit. In very hard clays try fall plowing, advises L. H. Bailey.

Few vegetables change their edible quality according to the soil they may be growing in as does the parsnip, says Meehan. To have the best results they should be sown very early, in very rich soil, where they may develop rapidly. In poor garden ground they have a slightly bitterish flavor when wild, and the roots are poor and stringy.

Every good act is charity. Giving water to the thirsty is charity; removing stones and thorns from the road is charity; exhorting your fellow men to virtuous deeds is charity; smiling in your brother's face is charity; putting a wanderer in the right path is charity. A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world. When he dies, mortals will ask, "What property has he left behind him?" But angels will inquire, "What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?"—Mohammed.

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The Farmers' Produce Association of New Castle County.

This Association has been organized for the purpose of "securing more remunerative prices for our fruits, and other farm produce by every legitimate means."

As this is our first year, and we have no capital to start with except a nominal membership fee of one dollar per year, we propose to confine our work this season to what we can accomplish without much cash outlay.

1st. To encourage *cash buyers* at all our Railroad Stations by selling whenever offered a fair cash price, and by shipping to none but our own Commission Merchants when prices offered are not acceptable.

2nd. To try and secure from transportation companies more satisfactory service, and more acceptable rates for shipments of our members.

3rd. To secure one or more *reliable* Commission Merchants in each city to which we wish to ship, who will receive all the consignments of our members so long as their transactions are satisfactory to us.

We shall have a *shipping agent* at each Railroad Station, who will receive quotations by telegraph from our Commission Merchants, and hold them for the exclusive use of our members. The Commission Merchants keep 7 per cent. of gross sales for their services, and remit 3 per cent. weekly to our shipping agents, one-half of which he pays to the Association.

The Association has adopted a TRADE MARK, which will appear on all shipments by our members. This trade mark will be in the form of stickers which will be placed on every package. The Trade Mark will bear this inscription:

The Farmers' Produce Association of New Castle County. 357
CONTENTS OF THIS PACKAGE
GUARANTEED
AS GOOD ALL THROUGH AS ON TOP.

The trade marks used by each member will bear *his number*, so that the Commission Merchant can properly credit shipments, and trace dishonest packing if any occur.

The city buyers will soon learn to look for packages bearing our trade mark, and will pay a little more forthem being guaranteed, and will certainly take them in preference to goods not guaranteed.

This arrangement is good for the Commission Merchant, because he will receive all the consignments of our members for his city, and because he is handling a guaranteed brand of goods which buyers will be looking for.

It is a good thing for the *consumer*, because it encourages honest packing of goods, saves time in buying, and gives him recourse on the grower through the Commission Merchant for a rebate in case any dishouest packing is found.

It is a good thing for our farmers, because they have access to reliable market telegrams as soon as they get their goods to the Railroad Stations, and can determine whether to accept cash offers or to ship. Also that if they ship, the goods will go where they will be sure and receive all there is in it, and all this at a cost of only oned ollar per year, per member.

To meet its necessary current expenses, the Association will have the membership fee of one dollar per member, per year, and one and one-half per cent. on all consignments of its members, which will be received from the shipping agents. Please note that the *trade mark* simply guarantees contents to be as good as it looks, but not of any particular grade. In this way, the grower who ships areally superior article, will receive a price accordingly, and will not suffer for the inferior goods of his neighbor.

Valuable information will be furnished from time to time to members of the Association only. We also expect to co-operate to some extent with similar organizations in other states.

Other measures are contemplated which will add materially to the benefits of this Association to every member and will be successfully carried out if the support given by our farmers seems to warrant the expense.

In order to make this movement a grand and glorioussuccess, we want the influence and assistance of every farmer in Delaware We want you to become *active members*, not only by paying your dollar and having your name enrolled, but by getting your neighbors and friends to help you and themselves by joining the movement. The nominal membership fee required will be returned many times over in the extra prices you will receive for produce sold through the Association.

Public meetings will be held from time to time, of which due notice will be given.

Frederick Brady, of Middletown, the Secretary of the Association, is authorized to receive and receipt for membership fees.

BY-LAWS
OF
The Farmers' Produce Association of New Castle County.
ORGANIZED MARCH 6TH, 1900.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be called The Farmer's Produce Association of New Castle County.

OBJECT.

SECTION 2. Its object shall be to obtain more remunerative prices for our fruits, vegetables and other produce of the farm, by every legitimate means.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

PRESIDENT.

SECTION 4. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Association and at the sessions of the Executive Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SECTION 5. The duty of the Vice-President shall be to preside in the absence of the President at the meetings of this Association, also the Executive Committee.

SECRETARY.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings and transactions of the Association and Committees.

TREASURER.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall receive all funds ofthe Association and pay all bills, and shall make a report to the Association semi-annually of all moneys received and paid out, and shall transmit the report to the Secretary for record. No money shall be paid out by the Treasurer except for bills duly credited by the President and Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 8. There shall be an Executive Committee of eight, composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members, whose duty it shall be to manage the affairs of the Association in the interim of the regular meetings. All officers shall serve without compensation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 9. All of the above named officers are to be elected at the regular annual meeting which shall be held on the first Tuesday of March of each year. Vacancies may be filled at any regular meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

SECTION 10. Special committees necessary to carry out the plans and purposes of the Association may be appointed by the regular, or any special meeting, or by the Executive Committee whenever necessity occurs.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 11. The regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month at two o'clock, P. M., and the President shall call special meetings at other times when matters of importance demand it.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 12. The annual membership fee shall be one dollar, payable in advance. The name and post office address of each member shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose by the Secretary. No one but members in good standing shall participate in the benefits of this Association.

SECTION 13. These by-laws may be added to or other-wise changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, notice having been given at a previous meeting.

Shattered Diamonds.

"Under certain conditions, which are very rare and remarkable," said an old jeweler, "a diamond may be shattered to atoms by a smart, sudden blow. The stone seems to disintegrate and fly apart, as nearly as I can express it, and when the Kimberley gems first came into the market the Brazilian brokers claimed that they were especially subject to that kind of accident. For the time being the story had its effect on trade, but it was proved to be untrue, and the incident is now forgotten. In the course of an experience of nearly 40 years I have known of only two cases of diamonds being broken.

"One occurred many years ago, when I was working in a shop the old Reid House in Chattanooga. A lady customer dropped a cluster brooch from the counter to the tiled floor, a distance of about 3½ feet. It struck squarely on the center stone, which was broken into a number of small, irregular fragments. The diamond had weighed about two carats.

"The other instance took place here in New Orleans about six years ago. A St. Louis traveling man named Crawford had a solitaire weighing 1½ carats set in a ring. He was standing in the store and while conversing about something made a sudden gesture and struck the stone against a metal fixture. It was split into small, jagged splinters, a number of which we found on top of the showcase. The drummer himself was the most astonished man I ever saw. He had supposed diamonds were indestructible simply because they were hard."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Alex Surprised Them.

Alexander MacArthur, author of a successful study of life in the Latin quarter of Paris, which brought to the writer both popularity and profit, is also the pupil and biographer of Rubinstein. The author lived for two years in St Petersburg, corresponding for the London press and taking part in some thrilling adventures, but the most singular of the writer's experiences happened in Chicago after the novel had been brought out by a publisher of that city. The book had been so successful that the publisher decided to give the author a dinner, to which a dozen of the leading men of letters in the lake city were invited. The guests had assembled when the author was announced.

Through the blue haze of smoke there appeared a handsome young woman attired in evening dress.

"We are expecting Mr MacArthur," said the host. "Mr. Alexander MacArthur, the novelist."

"So I understand," returned the unexpected guest. "I am Alexander MacArthur."

"You?" gasped the publisher.

"Yes. Didn't you know? I am Lillian MacArthur, at your service. I have been writing over the name of Alexander ever since I left my home in Dublin."

It was only the work of a minute to rearrange matters, and the dinner was a great success.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Captain's Distinction.

On one of "Old Hoss" Hoey's trips across the Atlantic the steamer, moving slowly along in a dense fog at about 3 o'clock in the morning, struck on the rocks off Fastnet, the light not being visible. Fortunately, nothing more than a scare for the passengers resulted. Everybody was soon on deck except Hoey, who had been having a hilarious time the night before and had slept all through the trouble. One of his friends sent a steward for him, and at last he appeared, still a trifle befogged. When the facts were explained to him, he joined fervidly in an impromptu praise service which the passengers were holding.

Finally there came a lull in the proceedings, and "Old Hoss" took advantage of it to propose three cheers and a tiger for the captain. This proposition caused much astonishment, and some one ventured to ask on what grounds he based the proposed honor to the captain.

Drawing himself up to his full height, "Old Hoss" replied impressively, "On the ground that he is the only man sailing the Atlantic ocean who could have hit that infernal rock without a light!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Same Thing.

At a woman's euchre party the other day one of the fair players stopped the game with this query: "What do they call a little black cat in England?"

A number of the members had been in England, but they all had to give it up.

The riddle maker smiled sweetly as she trumped her partner's ace in true traditional style.

"Can't guess? Why, 'kitty, kitty'—just the same as anywhere else."—New York Mail and Express.

Food Plants.

A wonderful reserve fund for the human appetite is to be found in the vegetable diet of the Klamath Indians. A novel variety of food, forming a menu unknown to the civilized, is offered in the pulp of the great yellow water lily, which is converted into a farinaceous food; in the weed known as goosefoot, which bears a black seed that is ground up for loaves and cakes, and in the arrowhead, which in the fall develops a starchy white tuber at the end of the roots.

Not a Bribe.

"You say," pursued the chairman of the legislative investigating committee, "that he resorted to no bribery whatever during the campaign, so far as you know?"

"Yes, sir," replied the witness; "that is what I said."

"Did he not circulate several boxes of cigars?"

"Yes, sir, but them cigars wasn't bribes. Here's one of 'em. You can try it."—Chicago Tribune.

Lucky Hesitation.

"I never was glad for this impediment in my speech but once," said the man from Dearborn, who was in to see the town.

"When was that?"

"Fe-fe-fellow asked me h-h-how much I would take for a-a horse, and while I-I-I was t-trying to tell him s-sixty dollars, he offered me a hundred."—Woman's Journal.

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Monday, 12th, 5½	p.m. Tuesday, 13th,	3 p m
Thursday, 15th, 7	p m. Friday, 16th,	4½ p.m
Monday, 19th, 11	a.m. Tuesday, 20th,	7 p.m
Thursday, 22d, 12	m. Friday, 23d,	11 a m
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SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP P. M.
Philadelphia	7 25	10 20	3 52	8 46	5 55	11 16	
Baltimore	4.10	9.15	12 06	1 46	4 20	7 53	
Wilmington	8 13	11 04	3 35	4.27	6 18	12 14	
Farnhurst	‖ 8.22		‖ 2 44		7.07		
New Castle	8 27		2 49	4.39	7.12		
State Road	8 33		‖ 2 54		7.17		
Bear	8.38		‖ 2.59	4.48	7.22		
Porter	8.45		3.04	4.52	7.28		
Kirkwood	8.50		‖ 3.09		7.33		
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		‖ 3.17		7.41		
Armstrong	‖ 9.03		‖ 3 21		7.45		
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.25	5.18	7.51	12.54	
Townsend	9 17		3 34	5 28	7.59		
Blackbird	‖ 9.22		‖ 3.39		8.04		
Gr'n Spring	‖ 9.27		‖ 3.45		8.10		
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3.51	5 42	8.16	1 12	
Smyrna..LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21	8.06		
Brenford	‖ 9.38		‖ 3.59		8.22		
Cheswold	‖ 9.43		‖ 4 04		‖ 8.27		
Dupont			‖ 4 07				
Dover	9 58	12 23	4 14	5.36	8.37	1.31	
Wyoming	10 05	‖ 2.29	4 20	6.05	8.43	a 1 39	
Woodside	‖ 10 11			6.11	8.50		
Viola	‖ 10 15			‖ 6.15	‖ 8.54		
Felton	10 20	‖ 2.40		6 20	8.56	a 1 51	
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6 33	9.11	2.05	
Farmington	‖ 0 42			‖ 6.41	‖ 9.18		
Greenwood	‖ 10.50	‖ 1 08		‖ 6 49	‖ 9.26		
Bridgeville	10.58	‖ 1.16		6 57	9.34	a 2 29	
Cannons	‖ 11 03			‖ 7 02	‖ 9.39		
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 11	9.48	2.41	
Laurel	11 23	‖ 1.37		7.21	9.58	a 2.53	
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10 08	3.05	

NORTHWARD

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M.
Delmar	11.08		7.00	28 00	12 15	3.30
Laurel	‖ 1.21		7.11	8 10	2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8 24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			‖ 7.31	‖ 8 31		‖ 4 04
Bridgeville	‖ 1.48		7.37	8 37	‖ 2 46	4.11
Greenwood			‖ 7.45	‖ 8.45	‖ 2.54	‖ 4.19
Farmington			‖ 7.53	‖ 8.53		‖ 4.27
Harrington	2.23		8.03	9 06	3 08	4.40
Felton	‖ 2.33		8.14	9.16	3.18	4.43
Viola			8.18	‖ 9 20		‖ 4.53
Woodside			‖ 8.22	‖ 9 24		‖ 4.57
Wyoming	p 2.46	26 57	8 29	9 31	‖ 3 30	5.03
Dover	2.56	7 03	8.39	9 38	3.36	5.11
Dupont		‖ 7 08				
Cheswold		‖ 7.12		‖ 9.48		‖ 5.20
Brenford		‖ 7.18		‖ 9.53		‖ 5.25
Smyrna..LV		7.15	8.42	9.50	3.41	5.21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10 00	3.54	5.31
Gr'n Spring		‖ 7.29		‖ 10 03		‖ 5.37
Blackbird		17.35		‖ 10 09		‖ 5.43
Townsend		7 40	9 09	10 14	4 07	5.50
Middletown	3.30	7 50	9 15	10.24	4 16	5.58
Armstrong		‖ 7.54				‖ 6.02
Mt Pleasant		7.58		‖ 10 33		6.06
Kirkwood		8.03		10 42		6.16
Porter		8 15	9 34	10 48	4 34	6.22
Bear		‖ 8.20		‖ 10 53		‖ 6.27
State Road		‖ 8.25		‖ 0 58		‖ 6.32
New Castle		8.31	9 46	11 04		6.37
Farnhurst		‖ 8.36	9 50	‖ 11 09		‖ 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11.19	4 50	6.52
Baltimore	6.22	10 34	1 45	2 15	7 10	8.43
Philadelphia	5.10	9 22	10 46	12 06	5 43	7.42

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"t" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 8 13 a. m., 2.35, 4.27 and 6.58 p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 8.31, 9.46, 11.04 a. m., 6.37 p. m week days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8.05 a. m., and arriving at 6.38 p. m., week days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Porter and Newark.

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DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.38 a m 6.37 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 1.45 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.25 p. m., week days Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.52 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown, Lewes at 10 38 a m., 6.37 p. m. week days, Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m. and 3.05 p. m week-days

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.38 a. m. and 6.37 p m week days. Returning, leave Berlin 7.05 a m and 2.37 p. m. week days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 21 a. m. and 5.31 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.16 a. m., and 2.37 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9 38 a. m., and 5.47 p m., week days Returning, leave Oxford 6 45 a. m., and 1 43 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11 17 a. m. and 7 15 p. m week-days. Returning leave Cambridge 7 00 a. m., and 2 30 p. m., week-days

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